

Supply of stationery to the Civil Courts at Nagercoil.

§9 * **Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the various articles of stationery supplied to the District and Munsiff's Courts at Nagercoil for their use during the year 1111 ;

(b) whether the articles supplied are sufficient for the year ; and

(c) whether the presiding officers are consulted in the matter ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : (a) Lists* showing the various articles supplied to the District and Munsiff's Courts at Nagercoil for their use during 1111 are placed on the table ;

(b) Yes.

(c) The annual indents for the supply of articles of stationery are prepared by the presiding officers and countersigned by the departmental head before they are submitted for sanction.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know from the member whether the lists of articles for the year 1111 were prepared by the presiding officers of the respective courts ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : Yes.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know how these articles are sent over to the courts in Nagercoil ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : In the usual manner.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know whether the member is aware that persons are sent over from Nagercoil to Travandrum to bring the articles ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : That is the usual practice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether the Stationery Department is having any control with regard to the consumption of stationery articles in the Judicial Department ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : Yes. In the matter of supply what usually happens is that the departments send in their indents and the Stationery Department scrutinises them and sanctions the supply.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member how the Stationery Department is able to decide the exact extent of the necessity ?

President : In the same way as they are able to decide about the demands of other departments.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Do they go and inspect the stationery articles in the various departments in order to see whether the stationery required is actually necessary ?

*Vide Appendix IV—A, B, and C, page 242-245.

Mr. T. C. Thomman : That is done occasionally.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Do they conduct inspections yearly ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : No, not yearly.

Construction of a non-caste Hindu Satram at the Cape.

90 * **Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation was made in any of the previous Councils by one Mr. D. Francis for the construction of a non-caste Hindu satram at the Cape ;

(b) what action has been taken in the matter.

(c) whether any estimate has been prepared ; and

(d) if so, for what amount ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : (a) Yes.

(b) (c) and (d) The land required for the construction of a satram has been acquired and handed over to the P. W. D. An estimate for the work amounting to Rs. 14,500 has been prepared and is under the scrutiny of the Chief Engineer.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know from the member whether the scrutiny by the Chief Engineer is completed ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : Not yet.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether there is a satram at Cape now ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : There is.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether there is sufficient accommodation there for all people ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : No.

Defalcations in forest depots.

91 * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam (Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha) :** Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) whether the accounts in depots are being inspected either by the Conservator or by the Divisional Forest Officers ;

(b) the names of those whose irregularities were found out during inspection by the Conservator ;

(c) the number punished among them and the nature of the punishment accorded ;

(d) the names of those whose irregularities were found out by the Divisional Forest Officers ;

(e) the number punished among them, and the nature of the punishment awarded ; and

(f) the action taken against the Depot Officer who misappropriated Rs. 1,307 ?